

was used in this mission. It did much good, we believe. Winter will soon be on us again. Perhaps there are others who would like to help in this way. We will promise to distribute to the best of our judgment. Some children of worthy families out of Sunday school for lack of proper clothing, shoes, etc.; the result of sickness.

Write that card. Yes, that is another way of helping. Give me the address of your friends, or relatives living in the city. I will gladly look them up and invite them to services. Some good workers have been brought in that way.

Above all pray for the work and workers. Pray increasingly. How often do you pray for us? "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Wonderful promise, indeed, covering all of our spiritual and temporal needs. But sometimes He withholds for awhile in order to test our faith. At this writing we have pressing needs financially but we hold on to the promise. "He is faithful that promised." Pray that ours may be that faith of love that "hopeth all things, believeth all things"—that "never faileth."

W. M. LYON.

INDIANA DISTRICT

To the Brethren of Indiana

The Indiana conference placed upon three of your number—T. C. Leslie, W. H. Miller, and myself the responsible work of collecting money to carry on the missionary enterprises of the district. The supervision of work already begun rests with our district evangelist, Brother Ditch. It will take means to keep this work, already begun going. We hope to be able to respond to a few calls for work in new fields, but it altogether depends whether you will rally as one man to the support of the work. What do you say? Did you mean anything when you gave us this additional work? Our secretary, Brother Miller, will keep right after you until you have done all you can to extend our work. If he does not make all shirkers feel uneasy I will miss my guess. He knows, also, that he can get plenty of help.

Brother Ditch has already promised the district one-fourth of his time. That means six days of his splendid service out of every month. Will you allow this consecrated man of God to be hampered in his work because of a lack of means? I don't believe you will.

Brother ministers, the success of our work rests with you. If you will take a strong stand that your congregation *must stand with honor by the side of the others* no one will be more strengthened than you and your people. Now for a great campaign for Christ!

Milford, Ind.

G. W. RENCH.

A Thanksgiving Offering

We desire to make the Sunday following Thanksgiving as a rally day for giving for state missions. Can we not have all of our churches to observe this day and thus see

what we can do by a united effort for mission work in Indiana?

OUR PLAN

1. Let every pastor in the state preach a mission sermon and take up a mission collection for state missions on Sunday, Dec. 3. Let every church take a missionary collection on this day.

2. Let every Sunday-school superintendent set forth the needs of our church, and let the Sunday-school offering be given toward state mission work.

3. Let every young people's society, previously announce, and take up an offering for missions on this day.

4. Let the S. S. C. E. take up a Thanksgiving offering at their meeting which comes nearest to Sunday, Dec. 3.

When these offerings are all taken bring them together and remit, stating the sum and also how and by which offering raised.

As soon as possible a report will be issued thereafter and thus all see the results of our work.

Pastors, let us hear from you. May we not have the addresses of officers who preside in the above named auxiliaries and thus be thrown in personal touch with them.

A statement will soon appear of the pastors who signify a willingness to respond. Look for it about two weeks after this notice is inserted. Brethren, help us so we may help you. It is my desire and hope to hear from all the churches that they are going to observe Dec. 3, as a day for giving for state missions.

WM. H. MILLER.

Sec. Indiana Mission Board.

North Manchester, Ind.

OHIO DISTRICT

To the Pastors of the Brethren Churches in the State of Ohio

I appeal to you, in behalf of the missionary cause of our beloved brotherhood. For a number of years the State conference demanded twenty five cents per capita, annually for the support of the missionary cause, from all the churches. This sum as far as I know never was raised, taking the state, as a whole, perhaps, not by any one church. And altho the sum asked for from each member was insignificant, so little indeed that any one would blush to speak of a less sum for so noble a cause, yet the money was not forthcoming.

The State conference, of 1898, laid special emphasis on the great necessity of doing more for the *Home Mission Cause*. Our people all at once, as it were, became filled with missionary zeal and during the year upward of four hundred dollars (\$400) was raised.

The Home Mission Board created by the conference of 1899, decided to appeal to the churches of the state for four hundred dollars (\$400). And while the sum asked for is a mere pittance and much less than twenty-five cents per member, yet to be perfectly fair the amount was so divided that the poor churches would not have to pay as much as the rich, but each according to their several

ability and as the Lord has prospered them.

Now, my dear brethren, in the holy calling you have no doubt been informed by the secretary of the board, the amount your church is expected to raise. And while the ministers are not expected to pay the money out of their own pockets, at least not all of it, yet much depends upon the pastor. If the pastor is faithful in the discharge of his duty, will earnestly present this matter to his congregation as the Lord requires, the people will invariably respond by giving the money. Now my dear brother will you see to this matter at once—perhaps you have already sent in much of the amount to our beloved secretary, if so all the better for you and your church. God bless you. But if not then delay no longer for the board is in need of the money.

Our missionary, Brother Copp, who is doing for us such a splendid work in the city of Dayton must be paid. The board has obligated themselves to pay him a certain amount per month and I believe I am safe in saying that you are just as anxious to have him paid as the members of the board.

The cause is the Lord's and we are workers together with God. And if we have the missionary spirit and I believe we have, then this matter will soon be disposed of and the board will be in a position to fulfill her obligations promptly and Brother Copp and family will be encouraged to continue their labors in this blessed work. It is perhaps proper to say right here that in the near future we expect a church building in the city of Dayton and then some time when you visit this place and see how much good you have done by giving out of your abundance, you will thank God that you ever had the opportunity to give. May God help us and keep the missionary zeal burning in our hearts and may this year of grace 1899 be recorded as the best year of the Brethren church since her organization.

J. L. KIMMEL,

Chairman of O. Home Missionary Board.

Notes from Zed H. Copp

At the quarterly business meeting Tuesday night it was manifested by carefully kept reports that the Dayton work is greatly advancing under the blessing of God. Greater strides could be made for Christ, the church and humanity if we were not handicapped from lack of funds. Some how or other some very good people get the idea that just as soon as money is mentioned that it is for selfish purposes, but brethren, let me say to you with all soberness in the Spirit that if business concern did not invest more money in their enterprises, and then take real interest in the investment after made, than the eternal church of God does in her great work among men, they would utterly fail. It's the riches and faithfulness of our heavenly Partner that alone gives us any standing and keeps the church from being foreclosed on by the adversary. And yet too often these same ones expect great dividends from penny investments, and complain if not realized.